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SUBJECT: UN FIFTH COMMITTEE- SUMMARY OF 30MEETING,
NOV. 16, 1976

1. SUMMARY. AFTER STATEMENTS BY CUBA, UK, ITALY AND AUSTRIA, FIFTH COMMITTEE REJECTED CUBAN PROPOSAL (A/C.5/31/L.6) ON FIXED EXCHANGE RATES FOR UN AGENCIES TRANSACTIONS. IT APPROVED BY CONSENSUS JOINT RESOLUTIONS A/C.5/31/L.12 AND 13 ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY COORDINATION. CHAIRMAN HALTED DISCUSSION OF RESOLUTION ON MEDIUM TERM PLAN (A/C.5/31/L.9/REV.) TO PERMIT PREPARATION OF A CLEAN SECOND DRAFT WITH AGREED AND ACCEPTED AMENDMENTS. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO INTRODUCED REVISED DRAFT RESOLUTION ON COMPOSITION OF SECRETARIAT. BARBADOS INTRODUCED AMENDMENT TO CHANGE MINIMUM DESIRABLE RANGE TO 2-8. END SUMMARY.

2. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY COORDINATION -A/C.3/EQ/
L.6 (ITEM 96)

A. CUBA, IN AN EMOTIONAL DIATRIBE, SOUGHT TO REPLY TO QUESTIONS RAISED AT 29 TH MEETING OF FIFTH COMMITTEE. FAULTED U.S. FOR LACK OF RESPECT FOR UN AND INCONSISTENCY OF
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MONETARY POLICY. REITERATED THAT US OF TERM "LOSSES

DUE TO CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS" (QUESTIONED BY NETHERLANDS)
IS PROPOER AND ACCEPTED UN TERMINOLOGY. EXPLAINED THAT
REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED BY SYG TO 32ND GA REFERS EX-
CLUSIVELY TO INFLATION AND NOT CURRENCY FLUCTUATIONS.

B. UK STATED CUBAN REQUEST FOR GUARANTEE AGAINST
LOSSES WAS AN UNFAIR AND UNREASONABLE PROPOSAL.

C. ITALY, UNDERLINING UNFAIR ASPECTS OF CUBAN DRAFT, STATED
THAT IF PASSED ITALY WOULD HAVE TO RE-THINK UN MEMBERSHIP.

D. AUSTRIA REITERATED ITS VIEW PREVIOUSLY EX-
PRESSED AT 29TH AND 30TH SESSIONS GA, THAT PROPOSAL IS UN-
REALISTIC, UNWORKABLE AND UNFAIR.

3. FINAL VOTE ON RESOLUTION : 17 YES, 38(U.S.)
OPPOSED, 41ABSTENTIONS.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY COORDINATION-A/C.5/
31/L.12

A. NETHERLANDS INTRODUCED RESOLUTION AND REQUESTED APPROVAL
BY CONSENSUS.

B. FIFTH COMMITTEE SECRETARY STATED THAT NICARAGUA WAS
TO BE ADDED AS CO-SPONSOR OF A/C.5/31/L 12 AND 13.

C. PHILIPPINES AND ACABQ CHAIRMAN PROPOSED MINOR AMEND-
MENTS TO DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/31/L 12 WHICH WERE ACCEPTED
BY CO-SPONSORS.

D. RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

4. ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY COORDINATION A/C.5/31/L 13
WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS.

5. MEDIUM TERM PLAN (ITEM 93)

A. NETHERLANDS INTRODUCED DRAFT RESOLUTION A/C.5/31/L.9
REV. 1 WHICH INCORPORATED ACCEPTABLE AMENDMENTS PROPOSED IN
DOCUMENTS A/C.5/31/L 15, 16 AND 17. FRANCE, USSR, CANADA,
ITALY AND UPPER VOLTA EXPRESSED OBJECTIONS TO PAYMENT OF PER
DIEM TO CPC MEMBERS. FRANCE BELIEVED OPERATIVE PARAGRAPH
3A IV REFERRING TO COST ESTIMATES BY ACABQ WAS CONFUSING AND
OUT OF PLACE; JAPAN SOUGHT CLARIFICATION OF PARAGRAPH AND
UPPER VOLTA EXPRESSED DIFFICULTY WITH IT.

B. DISCUSSION WAS HALTED BY CHAIRMAN PENDING PREPARA-
TION BY SECRETARIAT OF CLEAR DRAFT.

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6. PERSONNEL QUESTIONS : COMPOSITION OF THE SECRETARIAT
(102 A)

A. TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO (T AND T) PRESENTED REVISED DRAFT
RES (A/C.5/31/L.11 REV. 1) FOR COSPONSORS INDIA AND IRAN
WHICH INTERALIA CALLED FOR PREFERENTIAL PROMOTIONS TO SENIOR
POSTS FOR DEVELOPING COUNTRY NATIONALS. REGARDING BARBADOS
AMENDMENT (A/C.5/31/L.18), JUST TABLED, WHICH PROPOSED
NEW DESIRABLE RANGE OF 2-8 WITH 5 AS MIDPOINT AND

FLEXIBILITY OF 15 PERCENT , T AND T SAID CO-SPONSORS DID NOT AT THIS TIME WANT TO ALTER TO CONTENT OF L.11/REV 1. AND PREFERRED THAT COMMITTEE VOTE SEPARATELY ON THE AMENDMENT.

B. BARBADOES STATED AMENDMENT TOOK INTO ACCOUNT THEIR EARLIER EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT SYG HAD NOT PURSUED HIS PREVIOUS 2-8 RECOMMENDATION AND THEIR BELIEF EVEN THIS RANGE DID NOT REFLECT ADEQUATE REPRESENTATION FOR SMALL CONTRIBUTORS. GHANA AND GRENADA SUPPORTED AMENDMENT.

C. INDIA, FOR CO-SPONSORS, HAD NO OBJECTION TO GREECE'S REQUEST FOR INSERTION OF "ALL" IN OP PARA 2 IN FRONT OF "DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

D. AUSTRIA REQUESTED CLARIFICATION THAT THE LANGUAGE OF OP PARA 2, PARTICULARLY PERTAINING TO PROMOTION, WOULD NOT HINDER EQUAL TREATMENT OF ALL QUALIFIED STAFF ALREADY IN SERVICE. T AND T'S "REASSURANCE" WAS THAT DISCRIMINATION WAS NOT INTENDED BUT THAT "THE CO-SPONSORS WERE SEEKING JUSTICE FIRST FOR THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES."

E. UPPER VOLTA ASKED CO-SPONSORS TO SPECIFY IN OP PARA 7 EITHER OMBUDSMAN OR PANEL, NOT BOTH, AND INDICATED PREFERENCE FOR PANEL, SAYING SYG REMAINED "THE SUPREME OMBUDSMAN". ASKED WHETHER FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS INVOLVED. WOULD ABSTAIN ON BARBADOES AMENDMENT. SUGGESTED COMMITTEE DECIDE BY CONSENSUS TO REQUEST REGULAR PROVISION OF INFORMATION SIMILAR TO THAT CONTAINED IN A/C.5/31/CRP.1 AND 3 (WHICH PROVIDED DETAILS ON APPOINTMENTS); REGARDING LATTER SAID INDICATED PRACTICE OF HIGHEST POSTS BEING RESERVED FOR CERTAIN COUNTRIES SHOULD BE DISCONTINUED; WOULD SUBMIT DRAFT DECISION TO THAT EFFECT IF DESIRED.

F. FRG EMPHASIZED INABILITY TO ACCEPT ANY PROPOSAL FOR MEMBERSHIP FACTOR BEYOND 2-7, WHICH ITSELF WAS TREND DIMINISHING CONTRIBUTIONS FACTOR; ASKED SECRETARIAT FOR CALCULATIONS BASED ON PROPOSED 2-8 RANGE.

G. FRANCE HAD DIFFICULTY WITH NUMBER OF REV.1 PROVISIONS, UNCLASSIFIED

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ESPECIALLY PARAS 2 AND 7 CONCERNING STAFFING OF SENIOR POSTS AND APPOINTMENT OF OMBUDSMAN; OPPOSED BARBADOES AMENDMENT; CONCERNING OP PARA 4 ON ATTRACTING YOUNGER PEOPLE TO UN SERVICE SAID SECRETARIAT HAD NOT ANSWERED EARLIER QUESTION REGARDING DIFFICULTIES IN RECRUITING YOUTH.

H. JAPAN SUGGESTED LANGUAGE REGARDING NIO IN PREAMBULAR PARA 11 BE BROUGHT IN LINE WITH CONCEPT ADOPTED IN OTHER ORGANIZATIONS; HAD SAME VIEW AS AUSTRIA ON OP PARA 2 AND AS FRANCE ON OP PARA 4. RE OP PARA 2, SAW CONFLICT IN ASKING SOMETIMES FOR RECRUITMENT OF MORE YOUTH, THEN RECRUITMENT OF MORE SENIOR STAFF AND ASKED FOR CLARIFICATION RE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN "SENIOR "AND "POLICY-MAKING " POSTS. WE ABSTAIN ON REV.1 AS WHOLE AND OPPOSE BARBADOES AMENDMENT.

7. AT NOV. 17 (MORNING MEETING COMMITTEE WILL CONSIDER

PERSONNEL QUESTIONS (ITEM 102), JIU (ITEM 97) AND ICSC REPORT
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